

IC 25-27.5-2

Chapter 2. Definitions

IC 25-27.5-2-1

Application of definitions

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

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Approved program

Sec. 2. "Approved program" means a physician assistant or a surgeon assistant program accredited by an accrediting agency.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.288-2001, SEC.7.

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Board

Sec. 3. "Board" refers to the medical licensing board of Indiana.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.288-2001, SEC.18.)

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Accrediting agency

Sec. 4.5. "Accrediting agency" refers to any of the following, including a successor agency to any of the following:

(1) Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant.

(2) Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

(3) Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association (CAHEA).

As added by P.L.288-2001, SEC.8.

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Committee

Sec. 5. "Committee" refers to the physician assistant committee established by IC 25-27.5-3-1.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.2-1995, SEC.98.

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Dependent practice

Sec. 6. "Dependent practice" means the performance of an act, a duty, or a function delegated to a physician assistant by the supervising physician or physician designee.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

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Diagnosis

Sec. 7. "Diagnosis" means to determine the nature of a disease or other physical or mental condition.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

IC 25-27.5-2-8**NCCPA**

Sec. 8. "NCCPA" refers to the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

IC 25-27.5-2-9**Physician**

Sec. 9. "Physician" means an individual who:

- (1) holds the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy, or an equivalent degree; and
- (2) holds an unlimited license under IC 25-22.5 to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

IC 25-27.5-2-10**Physician assistant**

Sec. 10. "Physician assistant" means an individual who has:

- (1) graduated from a physician assistant or surgeon assistant program accredited by an accrediting agency;
- (2) passed the certifying examination administered by the NCCPA and maintains certification by the NCCPA; and
- (3) been certified by the committee.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.288-2001, SEC.9.

IC 25-27.5-2-11**Physician designee**

Sec. 11. "Physician designee" means a physician to whom responsibility for the supervision of a physician assistant is temporarily designated when the supervising physician is unavailable.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

IC 25-27.5-2-12**Prescribe**

Sec. 12. "Prescribe" means to direct, order, or designate the use of or manner of using a drug, medicine, or treatment by spoken or written words or other means.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

IC 25-27.5-2-13**Supervising physician**

Sec. 13. "Supervising physician" means a physician registered with the board who supervises and is responsible for a physician

assistant.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

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Supervision

Sec. 14. "Supervision" means that the supervising physician or the physician designee accepting responsibility for the physician assistant must be either physically present or immediately available for consultation at all times that services are rendered or tasks are performed by the physician assistant. The term includes the use of protocols, guidelines, and standing orders developed or approved by the supervising physician.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.

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Trainee

Sec. 15. "Trainee" means an individual who is currently enrolled in an approved program.

As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11.